

**From:** Colleen Hanson [serenity@sisp2.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 18, 2004 3:04 PM  
**To:** Cathy Poncabare  
**Subject:** CPR Commission Hearing

Dear Ms. Poncabare,

My name is Leland "Stew" Hanson and I have been a disabled retiree of the Los Angeles School District since 1986. As a result of my 30-year tenure with the school district, I developed asbestosis and knee injuries, along with heart and hearing problems. A State Compensation judge verified all these conditions in February, 1999. Also, I was an elected member of the Board of Directors of the Big Bear City Community Services District from 1989 until 1996, when I became too ill to continue. Per our telephone conversation on August 18, 2004, I am sending this e-mail in hopes that you will present its content to the CPR Commission as you so graciously said you would. Due to lack of time at the Commission hearing at UC Riverside, I did not get a chance to speak about the misuse of water in the Big Bear Valley and what employees of the Community Service District suffer if they dare to disagree with CSD policy. Therefore, the following basically covers what I would have said at the meeting. Also, I have proof of everything stated in this e-mail and it is available for anyone who wishes to see it. 1. A Community Services District is supposed to be a benefit to the people. The Big Bear CSD, however, is a benefit only to its Managing Board and those employees who participate in its abuses.

2. Part of the abuse is the Big Bear City CSD has been stealing water from the San Bernardino National Forest, for the past forty years, at two different wells, Van Dusen Canyon and Fish Hatchery Springs. 3. Another abuse is they have raised consumer water rates 400% over the past ten years, to benefit the district's employees and not the people who it's supposed to serve. 4. Employees of the CSD, during emergencies, take home trucks, equipment and water supplies to be able to protect their own homes first, rather than using them for the district as intended. One of the employees even built a racecar in the CSD maintenance shop, using all CSD tools and equipment. 5. If the Public speaks to the Board or the Sheriff about these abuses, they are harassed. If the employees speak to the Board, or to other employees, about the situation, they are physically harmed. For the record, I am taking full responsibility for what I have written here and am ready to provide all the necessary proof of its veracity. The reason for this is I do not want to see any more employees harmed as a result of my going public with this information. Also, I am specifically requesting you keep this information between us because, in my experience, Sheriff Penrod, the San Bernardino County Supervisors and the Planning Commission have all been defrauding the public for years, and would do everything they could to cover the situation up with their "Code of Silence". Please feel free to contact me at any time at P.O. Box 2489, Big Bear City, CA 92314 or by calling (909) 585-2121. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Sincerely, Leland "Stew" Hanson